



GO GREEN! NEWSLETTER

Live Green While Wearing Green



This year, you can celebrate St. Patty's Day in a *truly* green fashion!

- 1) Don't only drink green beer, make it eco-friendly too! See our article below for more information.
- 2) Wow your friends with LED green lighting to make an atmosphere of true Irish bliss during your next party.
- 3) Give guests a care package of basic herb seeds, like basil or cilantro, as a party favor. You could even print out instructions on how to plant and care for these hearty herbs as well.
- 4) Instead of buying all new art supplies for your party, dig in the storage closet and find old Christmas decorations that could tactfully be used for both holidays.
- 5) Don't only drink green, but *eat* it too! Eating fresh veggies is more energy efficient (especially if it's locally produced).

Have a wonderful, safe and eco-friendly St. Patrick's Day this March!

March 2010

Home & Garden Show At MSU

From March 18-21, a Home & Garden Show will take place at the MSU pavilion from 8am-8pm. Bring in old books, athletic shoes, phone books and cell phones for recycling! For more information, please contact Carolyn Alt at (616) 447-2826.

Indoor Rummage Sale

An indoor rummage sale will take place on March 6, 10 at Gier Community Center from 3-8:30pm. Sale areas are 9' x 5' with one 8' table and two chairs. There is a two table minimum per family. Set up for the event will take place Friday before the event takes place and it is \$12 per table for interested participants.

Have any questions? Please contact Ann Kostin-McGill at (517) 483-4313.

Ten Things You Should Always Buy Green!



Paint Look for low, or no, VOC paint.



Paper Look for paper with high post-consumer recycled content.



Batteries Look for rechargeable batteries and battery chargers.



Diapers Look for non-bleached, organic cotton diapers



Light bulbs Look for compact fluorescents

Look for local, in-season produce

Produce



Look for free trade clothing

Clothes



Look for products with Energy-Star Label

Appliances



Look for Fair Trade Certified Organic Coffee

Coffee



Look for low-flow showerheads

Showerheads



Drink To The Earth This St. Patty's Day

Organic beer is getting to be a big business. In the past few years, the large national brewers Anheuser-Busch, Miller and New Belgium have all introduced organic products, joining a growing number of microbreweries offering organic beer. The next time you stock up on eco-friendly ales, here are a few things to look for:

Certified Organic—When you buy organic beer, you're supporting a farm system that uses fewer pesticides and synthetic fertilizers.

Organic Hops— If you want a 100-percent organic beer, buy from breweries that use organic hops (some organic beers are allowed to use inorganic hops).

Distribution— As with any food product, local, organic brews reduce fossil-fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions related to shipping, and they support local businesses.

Lansing's Green Infrastructure

A meeting for Lansing's Green Infrastructure Master Plan has been scheduled for Thursday, March 4th from 6:30-8:30pm at Foster Community Center. The plan will develop ideas to redesign Lansing's infrastructure for a greener, more efficient future. If you would like to be a part of Lansing's Green Infrastructure Master Plan or learn more information about the project, visit http://www.lansingmi.gov/pnd/planning/design_lansing.jsp.

Garden The Green Way!

Check out these great gardening classes with speaker Gary Helig, who has specialized in vegetable and fruit production at Michigan State University for over the past 30 years.

"The Second Green Revolution"

Date/Time: March 1, 6:15-8:15pm

Location: Holt Seventh Day Adventist Church, 5690 Holt Rd., Holt

Cost: FREE (but you must RSVP)

Contact: Connie Vernon; 517-676-7207 or cvernon@ingham.org

"Gardening And Your Health"

Date/Time: March 4, 6-8pm

Location: University 7th Day Adventist Church, 504 Ann Street, E. Lansing

Cost: FREE (but you must RSVP)

Contact: Connie Vernon; 517-676-7207 or cvernon@ingham.org



Show Off Your Art

The Greater Lansing Recycled Art Exhibit is going to be held March 25th-April 15th, 2010 at Lansing City Hall, located at 124 W. Michigan Ave. in downtown Lansing.

Artists who live and work in the greater Lansing region are eligible to submit artwork for consideration. Artists with winning entries will receive a \$300 prize for first place, \$200 for second place and \$100 for third place. Three honorable mentions will be awarded with gift certificates to downtown Lansing merchants.

Visit http://www.lansingmi.gov/Lansing/gogreen/Call_to_Artists_2010.pdf for more information!



"Hot Dog" by Thomas Sheerin (2009)

"Productive Soils For Gardening"

Date/Time: March 12, 9am-12pm

Location: C. Ross Hilliard Bldg., Conference Room A, 121 E. Maple Street, Mason, MI

Cost: \$10 (checks payable to Ingham Co. MSUE)

Contact: Connie Vernon; 517-676-7207 or cvernon@ingham.org

Visit <http://www.ingham.org/ce/hort/home.htm> for a list of classes and more information.